

Remarks

The final Office Action dated September 23, 2008 lists the following rejections: claims 1-3 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Isham *et al.* (U.S. RE38,487); and claims 16 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Isham. Claims 4-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant traverses all of the rejections based on the rationale presented in response to the previous Office Action. However, without prejudice to further prosecution in a related application, Applicant presents the above amendments to facilitate prosecution and render all claims allowable based on the indication of allowability of claims 4-15 if rewritten in independent form. Applicant notes that all underlying limitations are included and that, as asserted by the Examiner, circuit connections can be direct or indirect.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063 (or the undersigned).

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